

## SENATE BILL No. 173

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-23; IC 36-1-4-6.5.

**Synopsis:** Uniform roadside memorial markers. Permits the department of transportation (INDOT) to erect uniform roadside memorials for victims of fatal accidents involving intoxicated drivers. Requires a local governmental unit that erects memorials to conform to the standards of INDOT. Provides that an individual who requests the erection of a roadside memorial is responsible for associated costs.

**Effective:** July 1, 2010.

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January 5, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 8-23-1-25.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2010]: **Sec. 25.2. "Intoxicated" has the meaning set forth in**  
4 **IC 9-13-2-86.**

5       SECTION 2. IC 8-23-1-42.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 2010]: **Sec. 42.6. "Uniform roadside memorial" means a marker**  
8 **designed and erected under IC 8-23-5-10.**

9       SECTION 3. IC 8-23-5-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
10 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
11 1, 2010]: **Sec. 10. (a) If an individual dies as the result of a vehicular**  
12 **traffic accident involving an intoxicated driver and the accident**  
13 **occurred on a highway that is part of the state highway system, a**  
14 **member of the decedent's immediate family may request the**  
15 **department to erect a uniform roadside memorial in the honor of**  
16 **the decedent. A family member who makes a request under this**  
17 **subsection is responsible for all costs associated with the purchase**



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and erection of the uniform roadside memorial to the extent the costs are not defrayed by gifts or grants received under subsection (g).

(b) After receiving a request and appropriate payment under subsection (a), the department shall erect a uniform roadside memorial within the right-of-way alongside the highway that is part of the state highway system to:

(1) memorialize the victim of the fatal vehicular traffic accident involving an intoxicated driver; and

(2) serve as a reminder to others of the duty to drive in a safe and unimpaired manner.

(c) A uniform roadside memorial higher than ground level may remain in place not longer than one (1) year.

(d) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the:

(1) application process for;

(2) size of;

(3) design of;

(4) construction of;

(5) placement, including length of time for display, of; and

(6) payment for;

uniform roadside memorials, with regard to the safety of vehicle operators, pedestrians, and employees and contractors of the department.

(e) The department shall remove roadside memorials that are not erected or sanctioned by the department.

(f) The department may consult and cooperate with the office of traffic safety established by IC 9-27-2-2 to carry out this section.

(g) The department may accept grants or gifts made to carry out the purpose of this section.

SECTION 4. IC 36-1-4-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 6.5. (a) A unit may erect uniform roadside memorials within the right-of-way alongside highways, streets, or roads within the unit's jurisdiction to:

(1) memorialize the victims of fatal vehicular traffic accidents involving intoxicated drivers; and

(2) serve as a reminder to others of the duty to drive in a safe and unimpaired manner.

(b) If a unit erects uniform roadside memorials under subsection (a), the uniform roadside memorials must conform to the:

(1) requirements for; and

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1           (2) specifications of;  
2           uniform roadside memorials erected by the Indiana department of  
3           transportation as set forth in IC 8-23-5-10.  
4           (c) If a member of a victim's immediate family requests the  
5           erection of a uniform roadside memorial in the honor of the victim,  
6           the unit may require the family member to pay part or all of the  
7           costs associated with the purchase and erection of the uniform  
8           roadside memorial.

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